



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicants:</b>	Kong-Hong Andy Choo, et al.	<b>Examiner:</b>	William O. Sandals
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/728,552	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1636
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<b>For:</b>	NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES COMPRISING A NEOCENTROMERE		<b>Dated:</b> August 4, 2003

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated June 3, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 8-10, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 3.

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